Mr. President: I think it is for three years.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Was it not possible to raise a debenture loan?

Mr. President: Not now at any rate. The war situation has made it almost impossible for this State to go in for a loan in the open market.

EMBRANDIRIES—LITERACY AMONG

198. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the total number of Embrandiries in the State;

(*b*) how many of them are literate;

(*c*) what is the number who attends schools in the State;

(*d*) how many of the school-going Embrans are boys and how many girls;

(*e*) whether Government have received any petition from the Embrandiries for aid to the students?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):*

(*a*) 1571 (according to the last Census Report).

(*b*) 705 (7 years and over).

(*c*) 234.

(*d*) Boys .. 146.
Girls .. 88.

(*e*) No such petition has been received either last year or this year.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi):* Are not these Embrandiries as a rule very poor?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* I cannot say. I have no statistics to base a reply on.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi):* From the figures given here, about 50 per cent of them are illiterate. Will the Government consider to give the same concession to these Embrandiries as in the case of the Nambudiries?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* I cannot promise on behalf of the Government that the consideration which was shown to the Nambudiries can be shown to these people also.

Mr. Puthur Achyuta Menon *(Kattur):* Was any petition received from these Embrandiries to give them concessions?

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Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* I don't know. For one thing, all the papers of three years and back would have been destroyed as lodged papers,

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Rural):* Do not the Government think that since they are so backward in education, they should be helped?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* Even as the figures stand we cannot say they are backward. In the second place, the majority of them, I do not think, Sir, belong to Cochin.

MUSIC EXAMINERS—NAMES OF

199. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi):* Will the Government be pleased to state the names of the Music Examiners in the State?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* The names cannot be disclosed, as the matter is confidential.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi):* Are the examiners always teachers?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction)* Not always.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi):* Who were the examiners last year?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* It is a body which is confidential and so I am not in a position to answer the question without infringing the confidence reposed in me as President of the Board of Examiners.

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Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* The reason is so obvious.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* Is there a written examination?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* Yes.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Apart from disclosing the names of examiners, are they of the class of teachers?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* There is a Board of Examiners and the Board selects persons some of whom are teachers of music and others are professional musicians.

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